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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

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INFO AMEMBASSY BERN

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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY DOHA  
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG IT  
SUBJECT: OPEC OIL PRICE DECISION

REF: A. STATE 226283; B. STATE 217382

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, ECMIN CALLED ON MFA ENERGY COORDINATOR MIGLIUOLO SEPT. 24 TO ADVISE THAT USG HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO OPEC MEMBERS ON OIL PRICE INCREASE ISSUE AND TO LEAVE COPY OF USG POSITION CONTAINED REF B.

2. MIGLIUOLO NOTED RECENT SIGNS THAT OPEC MEMBERS ARE TAKING MORE MODERATE POSITION ON PRICE RISE ISSUE. IN PARTICULAR, HE REFERRED TO (A) ATTITUDE EXPRESSED TO HIM RECENTLY BY LIBYAN MINISTER OF PETROLEUM MABRUK THAT LIBYA WAS NOT PRESSING FOR PRICE INCREASE AND (B) COMMENT OF IRANIAN MININT/OPEC REP AMOUZEGAR TO FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR AT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION THAT CONSUMING COUNTRIES SHOULD RECOGNIZE QTE PROBLEM UNQTE OF MANUFACTURING PRICE RISES OUTSTRIPPING THOSE OF OIL PRICES BUT WITHOUT THERE BEING NECESSITY FOR THE TWO SETS OF PRICES TO MOVE TOGETHER. HOWEVER, MIGLUIOLO INDICATED SOME CONCERN LEST PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY USG LEADERS ON OIL PRICE ISSUE BE INTERPRETED AS CHALLENGE TO OPEC, WHICH MIGHT CAUSE SOME OPEC MEMBERS TO ADOPT HARDER POSITIONS THAN THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE.

3. MIGLIUOLO, EXPRESSING OPTIMISM THAT PRICE RISE WOULD BE CONTAINED WITHIN US DOL. 1 PER BARREL, NONETHELESS POINTED OUT CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT SUCH INCREASE WOULD IMPOSE SUBSTANTIAL BURDEN ON ITALY, AND RE-EMPHASIZED GOI BACKING FOR USG EFFORTS TO HOLD LINE ON OIL PRICES. VOLPE

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